

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

Present: First Selectman Edward G. McAnaney, Joanne Sullivan, Mel Chafetz, Brian Fitzgerald and Timothy Reynolds. Town Engineer, Gerry Turbet was also in attendance. First Selectman McAnaney called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes: First Selectman McAnaney noted that Kate Daly Rietberg's name was spelled incorrectly and had an improper hyphen. Selectman Reynolds made a motion to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen after the corrections noted. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Public Comment:

Ray Pioggia of River Boulevard commented on the Bridge Street School Public Forums. He mentioned that there is an organized citizen group proposing an alternate plan.

Beth Chafetz of Mapleton Avenue requested more presenters at the next Bridge Street School Forum. She noted that having a presentation from the Park and Recreations group would be beneficial so attendees could hear all of their plans. Additionally, Ms.Chafetz requested that money be spent to create drawings of what the building could look like to make it easier to visualize.

Tax Rebates: Selectman Fitzgerald moved to authorize the tax rebates to Mahoney, Andrew & Carolyne \$1,459.80; Gouzounis, Christo, \$2,415.49; McCue Mortgage Company, \$1,910.02; TOTAL = \$5,785.31. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Move the authorization of the Library Elevator project to Town Meeting subject to receipt of \$1.3 Million in gifts and grants.

Selectman Chafetz suggested that the project be called the Library ADA or New Library Entranceway instead of the Library Elevator project. Mr. McAnaney agreed to call it the New Library Entranceway project. Selectman Chafetz also noted that this item didn't include the \$100,000 from the Town. The First Selectman stated that the Town's contribution will be honored. Discussion followed about the timing of the Town Meeting for this item. Selectman Reynolds moved the New Library Entranceway project subject to receipt of \$1.3 Million in gifts and grants to Town Meeting on March 20th at a time and place to be determined. First Selectman McAnaney will report back on the date secured for the Town Meeting.

Move acceptance of new Roads: LaFountain Road and Sutula Road (Sunset Point Subdivision) and Lise Circle (Malec Farm Subdivision) to Town Meeting.

Town Engineer, Gerry Turbet prepared Memos with detailed description of the roads and maps to explain his findings.

He recommends that LaFountain Road (.33 miles) and Sutula Road (.17 miles) of the Sunset Point Subdivision be sent to Town Meeting for acceptance as Town Roads. Mr.

Turbet detailed the timing of work from 2007 through Fall, 2012 when the top course of pavement was completed.

Additionally, Mr. Turbet recommends that Lise Circle (.47 miles) of the Malec Farms Subdivision be sent to Town Meeting for acceptance as a Town Road. Lise Circle was under construction from March 18, 2008 through Fall, 2013 when the top course of pavement was completed.

He stated that all work was done under Town inspection and the roads meet all requirements for Town Roads. He noted that the Zoning & Planning Commission are meeting on February 24th to consider an 8-24 report on acceptance as Town Roads and a bond reduction to the 10% maintenance bond amount. The maintenance bond can remain up to a year after acceptance at Town Meeting.

Selectman Reynolds moved acceptance of new Roads: LaFountain Road and Sutula Road (Sunset Point Subdivision) and Lise Circle (Malec Farm Subdivision) to Town Meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding why some roads are accepted and some are not. Mr. Turbet stated that any road can be accepted at Town Meeting. The Lake Roads remain private as they have substandard right of ways and were not built to Town standards. He also noted that pins, monuments and as-built plans are also required before a road can be accepted.

Vote 5-0 in favor.

Call of Town Meeting.

A draft Legal Notice was presented and the following notice was agreed upon. Selectman Reynolds moved the four items to Town Meeting on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Suffield Middle School. Vote 5-0 in favor.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SUFFIELD

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting, will be held in the auditorium at the Suffield Middle School, 350 Mountain Road on **Thursday February 27 at 7:00 p.m.** for the following purpose to wit:

1. To enact an ordinance concerning Exemption of Real and Personal Property Acquired by Certain Tax Exempt Institutions.

2. To enact an ordinance concerning Fats, Oils and Greases on behalf of the Water Pollution Control Authority.
3. To authorize acceptance of the Historic Restoration Fund grant from the State Historic Preservation Office in the amount of \$200,000.
4. To accept three new roads: LaFountain Road and Sutula Road (Sunset Point Subdivision) and Lise Circle (Malec Farm Subdivision).

Dated at Suffield, CT, this 19th day of February 2014.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN-TOWN OF SUFFIELD

Edward G. McAnaney, First Selectman
Timothy Reynolds, Selectman
Joanne Sullivan, Selectman
Mel Chafetz, Selectman
Brian Fitzgerald, Selectman

Selectmen's Update

Large Animal Facility/Fire Pump

Mr. McAnaney stated that the Large Animal Facility progress is slow. The Fire Pump project is moving forward and the old building is being lifted off its' foundation tomorrow. There is a temporary water connection in place to bypass the pump house.

Check Received for \$10,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for tree planting on the Suffield Green.

First Selectman McAnaney noted that the check was received for the Garden Club/ Tree Committee project.

Updated on results of Bridge Street School Forum. Next forum is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 at Suffield Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

First Selectman McAnaney noted that he received a request from Selectman Chafetz to have other people (namely Patrick McMahon and Parks and Rec) present at the next forum. Mr. McAnaney agreed.

Selectman Chafetz noted that since Parks and Rec would be the primary occupants he would like to hear their plan. He would also like to see Youth Services move into the building. He suggested that Patrick McMahon speak regarding grants and Economic Development opportunities.

Selectman Chafetz stated he would like an architect to make drawings to show what the building could look like inside and outside. First Selectman McAnaney thought this request was preliminary but would be willing to show drawings of the outside from the proposed apartment project. He also said photos of the inside of the building could be added to the presentation.

Selectman Chafetz made a motion to spend up to \$2,500 on architectural drawings.

Discussion followed where Selectman Fitzgerald thought it was a little early for drawings as we are still soliciting input. Selectman Reynolds said drawings would be necessary for the Town Meeting. The consensus was to spend up to \$2,500 on architectural drawings after the forum. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Selectman Fitzgerald wanted to discuss Budget Preparation. He is in favor of having a bulky waste pickup for the Town in the budget. He said the last one picked up 150 tons of material. He stated there is a bulky waste pickup process but the revenue is not reported in Town Reports. First Selectman McAnaney said he'd have his office work with USA Hauling to determine the cost.

Selectman Fitzgerald also spoke about the Lake Roads. He noted that the Town plows, grades, and puts drainage in these roads. Emergency vehicles and school busses use these roads. Mr. Fitzgerald suggests a small amount be added to the budget for blacktop. He noted that the associations do not have the legal authorities to collect money for road improvements. Selectman Fitzgerald says no one lobbies for these residents. First Selectman McAnaney said we need to look at this from the perspective of the Town's liability for these roads. He noted this was started when he was Town Attorney but it never was completed. He will ask the Town Attorney to work on this to determine if we are liable based on the limited work that's being done. Selectman Sullivan says she doesn't hear complaints and she owns lake property. Selectman Fitzgerald said we are liable for the health and safety of these residents.

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor.

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

Lisa Trase
Recording Secretary